

REMARKS

The present invention relates a protein belonging to the TNF superfamily termed "TRANCE" to, *inter alia*, and novel nucleic acids encoding the same.

Claims 1-86 are pending in the application and have been restricted into 9 groups as indicated in the Restriction Requirement dated June 21, 2004. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-8, 16-25, 27 and 37, drawn to polynucleotides and means of expression. Therefore, claims 1-8, 16-25, 27 and 37 are under consideration in this application following entry of the present Response to Restriction Requirement.

Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee

Kindly note that the undersigned, Attorney for Applicants, is now new counsel for Applicants in connection with the above-captioned application. A Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee is being filed in this application contemporaneously herewith to reflect these changes. A courtesy copy of the Revocation and Appointment of Attorney by Assignee is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Summary

Favorable examination of claims 1-8, 16-25, 27, and 37 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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